

## Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

<b>Title: Credentialing Skills Policy</b>	<b>Effective Date: October 12, 2001</b> <b>Page: 1 of 2</b>
<b>Policy #2001-2</b>	<b>Revised: May 2004</b>

<b>Policy:</b>	<p>As a part of the delegated medical authority of the WREMAC Emergency Medical Technicians, using ALS skills and techniques, within the Western Regional Emergency Medical System area are required to comply with credentialing requirements of their Medical Director, and the WREMAC, as prescribed in the WREMAC's Advanced Life Support Protocols and policies.</p> <p>Credentialed is defined as "a factor entitling one to confidence, credit, or authority." [1].</p> <p>Each EMT must have the confidence of, and authority by, their Medical Director to perform any / all Advance Life Support skills listed in the "WREMS Continuing Medical Education Requirements".</p>
<b>Procedure:</b>	<p>The EMT will demonstrate to his / her Medical Director (or designee) each skill listed in the "WREMS Continuing Medical Education Requirements" twice each calendar year. The EMT must produce documentation to their Medical Director (or designee) showing they are current in the didactic programs of New York State EMS and AEMT Certification, ACLS, TLS, and PLS as listed in the "WREMS Continuing Medical Education Requirements".</p> <p>Each Medical Director (or designee) must maintain files containing the above documentation for each EMT and AEMT he / she serves as Medical Director for.</p> <p>It is also important to note that because of the practical skills portion of these classes, no on-line (internet based) courses that do not require a "hands-on" approach will be accepted. All courses must include a practical skills section requiring "hands-on" practice.</p>
<b>Reference:</b>	[1] – Webster's II New Riverside University Dictionary and WREMAC Minutes June 2003

***Continuing Medical Education Requirements***

► To be demonstrated twice a year ◀

	CFR-D	EMT-D	EMT-I	EMT-CC	EMT-P
ACLS - *1				X	X
TLS - *1			X	X	X
PLS - *1			X	X	X
CPR - *1	X	X	X	X	X
Protocol Exam - *2			X	X	X
Epi Pen		X	X		
Neb. Alb.		X	X		
Needle Cric. - *3				X	X
Adult ET			X	X	X
Adult NT			X	X	X
Pediatric ET			X	X	X
Needle Thor. - *3				X	X
AED / Defib.	X	X	X	X	X
EJC - *3			X	X	X
IV			X	X	X
IO - *3			X	X	X
NG - *3				X	X
EP				X	X
SC				X	X

\*1 Didactic Programs required every three years, or equivalent training approved by Medical Director is acceptable

\*2 Protocol Exam required for initial certification and with every protocol change

\*3 Demonstration required only if credentialed to use the skill

**ABBREVIATIONS:**

ACLS - Advanced Cardiac Life Support Course  
 Adult ET - Adult Endotracheal Intubation  
 Adult NT - Adult Nasotracheal Intubation  
 AED / Defib. - Automatic External Defibrillator / Defibrillation  
 EJC - External Jugular Cannulation  
 EP - External Pacing  
 Epi Pen- Epinephrine Pen / Auto Injector  
 IO - Intraosseous Infusion  
 IV - Peripheral Intravenous Access  
 Including Saline Traps

Neb. Alb.- Nebulized Albuterol  
 Needle Cric - Needle Cricothyrotomy  
 Needle Thor - Needle Thoracostomy  
 NG - Naso/Oro Gastic Tube  
 Pediatric ET - Pediatric Intubation  
 PLS - Pediatric Advanced Life support Course or  
 Pediatric Intermediate Life Support Course  
 SC - Synchronized Cardioversion  
 TLS - Trauma Life Support Course  
 BTLS or PHTLS